

Wild Penguin Games
Shepherd Stadium
April 26, 2025



Wild Penguins Update: First Wild Penguin Game of 2025

International History was made Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Shepherd Stadium, Colonial Heights, Virginia. Fifty-plus students, players, parents, coaches, recreational specialists, special education educators, and international instructors provided six hours of baseball fundamentals, games, BBQ, Pizza, Hot Dogs, and positive socialization for children of diverse abilities.

The most remarkable aspect of the event was that nobody even considered diversity a concern. Age was not a factor, experience was not a factor, diversity was not even a whispered phrase. There was nothing but fun, competition, laughter, smiles, and sharing of respect from one to another.

There was a scholastic/collegiate group of student-athletes, a middle school group of student-athletes, and a young adult group of student-athletes participating together. Some pitchers were throwing in the high 80s. Some were happy to get it across the plate. Some hit the ball all over the yard and others were happy to get the bat on the ball. Coaches did not keep scores and were involved with the players enjoyment of participation. The coaches were fathers, mentors, and big brothers to all members of the different groups!

It was heaven! It was Joy in the simplest. It was good for all who were there! And the cost of this event...? It was zero!!

There was so much food left at the end of the day; it took three vehicles to carry it away. Community friends from all over the state of Virginia gave a little food or supplies to make it work. Three softball high school warriors from Richmond assisted and umpired the games. Parents came out of the stands and helped serve the food. "Pass the Brick" from California gave re-made Lego builds to the young adult players. A Special Olympics representative from Virginia donated puzzles, a New Jersey Company gave hundreds of their "Smushballs" to keep the games safe and productive. "God's Pit Crew" from Danville, VA. provided water and chips, "Corner Market BBQ" from Dinwiddie, VA provide the best BBQ, cold slaw, sauce we have ever tasted, "Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant" of Colonial Heights, VA. provided pizza, the RBA 360 12U-Fulton boosters provided hot dogs, buns, fixings, and the global parents of the Wild Penguins finished it up with cookies, BBQ buns, plates, napkins, and cleanup to end the day!

We had three dynamic ladies within the fields of inclusion and diversity from Richmond, Williamsburg, and Colonial Heights bring their staff to assist and allow their charges to engage freely in the day. We had parents take pictures of everybody doing everything thus capturing the positive spirit of the day.

We had college prospects teaching beginners how to catch and throw. We had grandparents spitting knowledge to all who would listen. We had 11-year-olds respectfully teaching 30-somethings how to play, and finally we had so many students speaking to one another, telling jokes, and asking questions that I never saw one cell phone open, touched, looked at, or listened to during the 6 hours of play!!!!

What we had, on this day, was a glorious example of a diverse population sharing their wholesome, unrestrictive, inclusive love for one another so we all could come together and seize the day!

What an honor it was to be in the middle of it all. So dynamic and uplifting that I forget to take any ibuprofen! However, I did not forget to smile, I did not forget to respect, and I did not forget to let my little light shine.

We adapted, improvised, and overcame all obstacles to "Bring da Joy and Enjoyed the Day!"

Respectfully in Peace!



Frank H, Fulton, Jr



“Inclusion”

Uninhibited, Unrestricted, Fun, and Free Play

This is the Wild Penguins Games’ Formula
To “Bring Da Joy” and “Seize Da Day”
Via Global Participation

Pre-Game
Group Presentation
Diamond
Ankle, Power, Pull
Rotating Fundamentals
Hit
Grounders
Fly-Balls
In and Out
Just Play
Eat
And Play Some More



“The Southern Translation of Inclusion”

Pre-Game



Group Presentations



The Diamond



Ankle, Power, Pull





Rotating Fundamentals



Hitting





Grounders



Fly Balls



In and Out



Just Play







EAT



And Play Some More







2025 Wild Penguin Games
Shepherd Stadium Participants and Supporters

We thank all the parents, friends, players, coaches, and sponsors who made this day special and historic. This event brought so many different groups of student-athletes, students, parents, grand-parents, brothers, sisters, and citizens together via a simple game of catch and throw.

This list of participants made history on April 26, 2025, by sharing their joy in an inclusive program that was flexible, educational, and applicable to many arenas of life.

Frank Fulton
Torrie Lashley
Matt Spruill
Ashley Fulton
Sally Rogers
Robert Rogers
Dan Quigley
Matt Hawkey
Moma Hawkey
Walter Berry

Peyton Fulton
Tracy Newsom
Christy George
Jennifer Baldwin
Maddie Fulton
Danny Staffenburg
Aldo Mendiola
Eli Staffenburg
Avery Absher
Sasha Ouigley-Skillin

Chris Rufert
Cindy McIntosh
Amy Torrez
Ty Hawkey
Chris Rufert, Jr
Owen Zowaski
Sergio Laris
Justin Wilkes
Riley Rogers
Caden Cadwell

Keri Cozino
Bailey Witt
Robert Wilkins Fuller
De'Anna Green
Palmer Berry
God's Pit Crew
Salma Messadri PTB-CA
Andrew Currie
Cason Holmes

Georgia Swenck
Zach Brown
Devon Bobowicz
Brian Coon
Brandon Henson
Corner Market BBQ
Soraya Messadri PTB-CA
Cade Rogers
Christian Prince

Wes Watts
Michael Lee
Jamie Harder
Mason Schmidt
Daniel Davis
Vincenzo's
Kevin Currie
Carter Clark
Mani Bain

Easton Mothershead
Levi Caldwell
Tim Wolfe
Brian Mothershead
Renea Ridley
Javante Walker

Finn Burke
Logan Staffenberg
Kenny Caldwell
Dawn Rogers
Nadira Shah Berry
Shaylyn Brown
Nathan Brown

Joseph Davis
Ollie Wolfe
Justin Burke
Jill Staffenberg
Jason Williams
Robert Fuller